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APPLICANTS: FLATTINGER ET AL - 1 PCT  
SERIAL NO.: 10/588,402 EXAMINER: Brian W. JENNISON  
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TITLE: WELDING TORCH WITH A TORCH HOUSING AND DRIVE FOR  
WELDING ROD TRANSPORT

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2009,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.